



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning  
*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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Director

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING: CONFIRMATION OF HEARING OFFICERS WITHIN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Recommendation to confirm the appointment of two Hearing Officers within the Department of Regional Planning (Department). Hearing Officers are employees of the Department who are appointed by the Department's Director and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors (Board). Their duties are to conduct public hearings and render decisions on land divisions, land use permits, and variances.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Confirm the appointment of Nooshin Paidar and Mark Herwick as Hearing Officers within the Department to conduct public hearings and make determinations on land use permits and variances.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On November 26, 1995, the Board passed ordinances establishing a Hearing Officer within the Department. Hearing Officers hold public hearings on routine applications freeing the Regional Planning Commission to focus on significant proposals.

Section 22.08.080 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance) requires that all appointments of Hearing Officers be confirmed by the Board.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommendations are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal 1,

Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability and Goal 2, Community Support and Responsiveness, by providing the public with services that are both beneficial and responsive.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The appointment of two Hearing Officers does not require additional funding; therefore, there is no impact on net County costs.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County Code (Zoning Ordinance) Section 22.08.080 permits the Department's Director to appoint Hearing Officers, subject to confirmation by the Board, to perform the duties prescribed by Title 22 in conducting public hearings and making determinations on land use permits and variances.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The Board's approval of this recommendation will enable the Department to devote and maintain an appropriate number of Hearing Officers to enhance the quality of services provided to the public.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Department. For further information regarding this request, please contact Mr. Sorin Alexanian at (213) 974-6441 or salexanian@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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